



## MAINE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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The State Board of Education held a regular monthly meeting on June 9, 2010 at the Cross State Office Building, ATM Room 103, Augusta, Maine. The following members were present: Chair, Ann Weisleder; Vice Chair, James Banks, Jr.; Marilyn Temple Tardy; Steven Pound; Lynda Doyle; Nancy Perkins; Dorothy Martin; and Andrea Levinsky.

Excused: James Carignan; Jeffrey Vermette; and Angela Bechard

Also present were: Acting Commissioner Angela Faherty; Wanda Monthey, Policy Director of Standards, Assessment and Regional Services; Harry Osgood, Higher Education Specialist; Ann Pinnette, School Facilities Specialist; and Georgette Valliere, Secretary Specialist.

### **CALLED TO ORDER:**

Chair Ann Weisleder called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

No minutes for approval. The minutes from the May 19, 2010 meeting will be approved at the July 14, 2010 meeting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Construction Committee – James Banks, Sr.

#### ➤ **QSCB – Qualified School Construction Bond**

Maine's allocation for 2009 was \$42 million. Of that the Department awarded \$39 million to school units that applied. That left a balance of \$2.8 million to carry over to 2010. As school units attempted to get bond money they found that the "tax credit" was not incentive enough for most banks to lend to them. As a result, \$28 million of the \$39 million awarded by the Department was not used and will be carried over for use in 2010. This issue has since been addressed by the Federal Government. Instead of a tax credit there will be an option of direct reimbursement from the Federal Government. This has made it more attractive for banks to lend

money to the school units the Department has approved. In the meantime, Maine has received a 2010 QSCB allocation of \$41,368,000, which will be awarded to school units who apply and qualify.

**Certification/Higher Education Committee – Nancy Perkins**

- That the Committee met and drafted a Framework for Work Plan. Nancy shared a copy of the draft with Board members. The next Committee meeting will be on Monday, June 28, 2010.

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

**Vice Chair, James Banks, Sr.**

- No Report

**Chair, Ann Weisleder:**

- That she submitted a letter to accompany the Race to the Top application.
- That she responded to Marilyn Tardy's request and contacted Brenda at NASBE regarding their support of a third new member attending the New Member Institute this year. She just received an email from Brenda and due to the fact of a small attendance this year, they will allow for a third member from Maine to attend this year. Steve Pound, Lynda Doyle and Nancy Perkins will be attending.
- That she will be sharing a current monthly State Board budget from the Finance Department.
- That she spoke with Bob McIntire at the Department regarding people having a problem hearing others when they speak in room 103. Bob will research ways to talk to each other audibly.
- That she is planning to meet with Jim Banks and Steve Pound prior to changing SBE Leadership. She hopes Mary will be able to attend.
- That the August meeting will need to be rescheduled if the retreat is on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, with the meeting in the afternoon of the 10<sup>th</sup>. The meeting is currently scheduled for August 11.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

RECEIPT OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW TEAM REPORT FOR THE EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT FORT KENT

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED TEAM TO REVIEW THE TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS OFFERED BY BATES COLLEGE

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED TEAM TO REVIEW THE EDUCATOR  
PREPARATION PROGRAMS OFFERED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE AT  
FARMINGTON

MOVED by Steven Pound, seconded by Dorothy Martin, and unanimously voted  
by those present to approve the consent agenda.

**SPECIAL ORDERS:**

REQUEST APPROVAL OF THE QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE MAINE CARL  
D. PERKINS GRANT

As a condition for the receipt of Federal funds to support vocational and  
technical education, §122 of the recently reauthorized Carl D. Perkins Career  
and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270) requires a designated  
“eligible agency” in each State—in Maine’s case, the State Board of  
Education—to submit a State Plan for Career and Technical Education. This  
plan was approved by the State Board on March 12, 2008. Further  
requirements are as follows:

“SEC. 121. STATE ADMINISTRATION.

“(a) ELIGIBLE AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES.—The  
responsibilities of an eligible agency under this title shall include—  
“(3) convening and meeting as an eligible agency (consistent with  
State law and procedure for the conduct of such meetings) at such  
time as the eligible agency determines necessary to carry out the  
eligible agency’s responsibilities under this title, but not less than 4  
times annually;

The State Board Chair requested, in accordance with Title 20-A, Section 405, 7,  
that the Board receives a quarterly financial report from the Career and Technical  
Education (CTE) team and the Department of Financial and Administrative  
Services (DAFS). We would like to submit this report as the second report for  
FY2010.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The State Board approve the Quarterly report for the  
period of December 31, 2009 through March 31, 2010 of the *State of Maine  
Five-Year Plan for Career and Technical Education Under the Carl D. Perkins  
Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270)*

MOVED by James Banks, Sr., seconded by Marilyn Tardy, and unanimously  
voted by those present to approve the Quarterly report for the period of  
December 31, 2009 through March 31, 2010 of the State of Maine Five-Year  
Plan for Career and Technical Education Under the Carl D. Perkins Career  
and Technical Education Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-270).

## CONSIDERATION OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW TEAM REPORT FOR THE COLLEGE OF THE ATLANTIC

BACKGROUND: A State program approval visit to the College of the Atlantic was conducted from Sunday, April 25, 2010 through Wednesday, April 28, 2010 for the purpose of reviewing the following professional educator certification program:

Elementary Education (K-8)

Secondary Level (7-12)

- English/Language Arts
- Life Sciences
- Social Studies

Following the on-site visit, a report was prepared which includes findings, commendations, and program recommendations as well as a recommendation for State program approval status. This report was distributed to Board members during the May 19, 2010 meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education accept the College of the Atlantic Team Report of Findings and grant State program approval to the College's professional educator certification program from spring 2010 to spring 2015.

MOVED by James Banks, Sr., seconded by Dorothy Martin, and unanimously voted by those present to accept the College of the Atlantic Team Report of Findings and grant State program approval to the College's professional educator certification program from spring 2010 to spring 2015.

### CHAPTER 13: QUALIFYING EXAMINATIONS FOR TEACHERS, EDUCATION SPECIALISTS AND ADMINISTRATORS

BACKGROUND: The State Board proposed revisions to Chapter 13 as follows: The proposed rule changes to Chapter 13 stem from the regular revision (regeneration) process employed by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). Each Praxis exam undergoes regeneration every five years. ETS conducts a multi-state standard setting study designed to assemble two separate groups of current practitioners who work for three days to review the validity and reliability of the test being regeneration. The end result is a recommended cut off score that is deemed appropriate for the just qualified candidate (JQC). Several of the tests required by the Maine Department of Education were recently regenerated, so our current Chapter 13 must be updated to reflect these changes. The proposed changes include new test codes, recommended cut off scores, and language to allow old tests no longer being administered to be used for up to five years after which time only the new tests will be accepted. Another change includes deleting

test information for Bilingual Education, which is no longer available as an endorsement in Maine.

There were no comments received.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the State Board of Education finally adopt the proposed amendments to Chapter 13 in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedures Act.

MOVED by Nancy Perkins, seconded by Lynda Doyle, and unanimously voted by those present to adopt the proposed amendments to Chapter 13 in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedures Act.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### CONSIDERATION OF REVISION OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MISSION STATEMENT AND ADDITION OF A VISION STATEMENT

##### Mission Statement:

The Mission of the State Board is to provide policy leadership that promotes a Maine public school system whose graduates will meet the Maine Learning Results and to make recommendations to the Executive and Legislative Branches of Government.

##### Vision:

Prepare graduates with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills and knowledge, to be college, career, and citizenship ready.

MOVED by Marilyn Tardy, seconded by Nancy Perkins, and unanimously voted by those present to table the revisions of the State Board of Education Mission Statement and Addition of a Vision Statement for discussion at the August Board Retreat.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### FEDERAL QUALIFIED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND PROGRAM

STATEMENT OF FACT: The Department of Education coordinates the Federal Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) program. QSCBs are bonds issued by state or local governments which the Federal government subsidizes by providing tax credits to bondholders or direct payment interest subsidies to issuers. Bond proceeds can be used for construction, rehabilitation, or repair of public school facilities. Maine has a 2010 QSCB balance of \$40,895,207 available for allocation to school units.

Nine school administrative units submitted QSCB applications to the Department during the current application cycle requesting bonding authority. The Department has completed its review of the applications and verified that the school units on the accompanying list and their proposed projects meet the criteria of using bond proceeds for construction, rehabilitation, or repair of a public school facility or for acquisition of land on which such a facility is to be constructed.

**DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION:** The Department of Education recommends that the State Board of Education approve the QSCB applications for projects in Appleton, Lewiston, Millinocket, RSU 18, RSU 26, RSU 29/SAD 29, RSU 34, RSU 49/SAD 49, and RSU 60/SAD 60 and authorize issuance of QSCBs by these school units for up to the amounts shown on the accompanying list "2010 QSCB Recommended Approvals." The total current recommended QSCB authorization amount for 2010 is \$13,127,191.

MOVED by James Banks, Sr., seconded by Marilyn Tardy, and unanimously voted by those present to approve the QSCB applications for projects in Appleton, Lewiston, Millinocket, RSU 18, RSU 26, RSU 29/SAD 29, RSU 34, RSU 49/SAD 49, and RSU 60/SAD 60 and authorize issuance of QSCBs by these school units for up to the amounts shown on the accompanying list "2010 QSCB Recommended Approvals." The total current recommended QSCB authorization amount for 2010 is \$13,127,191.

#### **AUTHORIZATION FOR SIGNING MOU FOR "SMARTER BALANCED CONSORTIUM"**

MOVED by James Banks, Sr., seconded by Dorothy Martin, and unanimously voted by those present to sign the MOU for "Smarter Balanced Consortium".

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS - CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

Presented by Marilyn Temple Tardy, Nominating Committee Chair:  
A slate of officers were submitted during the May 19, 2010 Board meeting. James Banks, Sr. was nominated for election as Chair and Steven Pound was nominated for election as Vice Chair. No nominations came from the floor.

MOVED by Marilyn Tardy, and voted by show of hands seven in favor and zero opposed to elect James Banks, Sr. as chair and Steven Pound as vice chair for the term of one year beginning on July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2011.

#### **STATE BOARD RETREAT:**

MOTION by Steven Pound, seconded by Dorothy Martin, and unanimously voted by those present to hold the State Board of Education Retreat at the Haraseeket

Inn at 162 Main Street, Freeport, Maine on Monday, August 9 and Tuesday, August 10, 2010.

Note: James Banks, Sr. will work on the retreat agenda and the Business meeting will be on Tuesday, August 10, 2010, at 1:00 PM.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- No Announcements

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- No Public Comment

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The State Board of Education meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM.